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Dinner with John

Toronto, August 8th, 1913.

Professor J. A. Alexander,
De Grassi Point,
Ont.

Dear Professor Alexander,-

Mr. Debbar has mentioned the name of Miss Adie Bell as a graduate it occurs to him as being possibly suitable for English. I do not know of any other at present. What would you think of Ruth Hutton? She has just graduated first in English in Oxford with a First Class, and is very highly spoken of. Our Toronto people have done remarkably well in Oxford this year. Murray Wrong came out first in History, not only First Class, but actually first in all Oxford, so that Wrong is greatly set up.

The Geological Congress is under way. It is interesting to meet so many men, though one does regret having ones holiday broken in pieces.

I hope that you are all well and much the better of your vacation. I am to be here until next Thursday, August 14th. If you have anything to write to me about I shall be glad to hear from you before I go.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely

University College.

TORONTO, 3^d Oct. 1913

The President,
University of Toronto

Sir:

I beg to recommend the appointment of
Miss Catherine MacLachlan, B.A. to the English
staff of University College in place of Dr. W. L. Macdonald
resigned.

Miss MacLachlan is an Honours Graduate of
the University of Toronto, of the year 1904. She has
since completed studies in English at Columbia
University which cover the work for the Ph. D. degree.
During the past five years she has been engaged in
teaching English in the Washington Irving High
School, New York, where she has been very successful.

I am

Yours truly,

W. J. Alexander

March 2nd, 1914

Professor Alexander,
University College.

My dear Professor Alexander:

The Minister of Education has asked me to have some person appointed to represent the Universities for the purpose of suggesting lists of passages in English for memorization for the Matriculation examination. I suggested your name to him as one who I thought would be satisfactory to everyone. If you are willing to accept the position I will send word to the other Universities, and will you be good enough to confer with them and the Minister as soon as possible?

Yours sincerely,

President.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH.

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University College.

TORONTO,

24th March 1914

Dear Mr President,

In answer to yours of the 2nd inst,
I am willing to serve in suggesting passages in mea-
nuation at Matriculation

Yours truly

H. J. Alexander

President Falconer

University of Toronto

March 27th, 1914

Professor Alexander,

University College.

Dear Professor Alexander:

I am writing to you as representing the professors who presented the memorial in the name of certain members of the staff asking me to transmit it to the Board of Governors. I read it to the Board yesterday afternoon, and it received most sympathetic attention. After it had been read several members of the Board at once remarked that they felt that the professors were fully justified in what they had said as to the condition of their salaries.

The Chairman of the Board is transmitting a copy of the memorandum to the Government, and mention of the fact that such a memorandum would be presented was made by the committee that appeared before the Government last Tuesday.

I hope that it may be possible for the Government to improve the financial condition of the university so that the salaries may be raised, because I realise not only the distress occasioned by the present condition but the irritation caused by this state of affairs.

Yours sincerely,

President.